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Goethe's New Year Wish

THIS NEW YEAR'S wish is attributed to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, poet, scientist and philosopher of the Eighteenth Century

HEALTH enough to make work a pleasure.

Wealth enough to support your needs.

Strength enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

Grace enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished.

Charity enough that shall see some good in your neighbor.

Love enough that shall move you to be useful and helpful to others.

Faith enough that shall make real the things of God.

And hope enough that shall remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

With every good wish for your health, happiness and prosperity for the new year.

—B. MAX MEHL.

An Honest Confession

At the Cincinnati Convention of the American Numismatic Association, a collector asked me point-blank whether or not I had ever seen an 1853 Half Dollar without rays and arrows. I told him honestly that I had not.

That started me to wondering whether or not any of them really existed. I recalled having heard of one but could not recall in what catalog or in what collection. However, in my examination of the great Newcomer Collection, lo and behold there was a real honest-to-goodness genuine 1853 Half Dollar without rays and arrows, an exact photographic reproduction of which is given above. (Which I believe is the first photographic illustration of this great rarity ever to have been published.)

And as a climax, that very same week I had the pleasure of visiting another great collector and lo and behold there was another specimen of this great rarity in his collection, and so far as is known, these are the only two specimens known to exist. They are both just about fine, showing some evidence of circulation.

It seems rather strange that after some thirty years in the numismatic profession I should have the privilege of seeing both of these great rarities within the period of a few days.

B. M. M.

QUICK TURN

This little lot of gold just came in. I bought it cheap—and offer it here cheap. Look closely. They are all bargains. The foreign gold at practically gold value.

1799 $10.00 Gold. Small stars. Nearly uncirculated. $22.00.

1801 $10.00 Gold. About uncirculated, full mint luster. $19.25.

1849 $5.00 Calif., Moffat & Co. Very fine, sharp. $8.50.

1860 $5.00 Mormon. Very fine; plugged at top. (If perfect would have been a $50.00 coin.) Price only $11.00.

1834 $5.00 Carolina. Dated August 1, 1834. Very fine, sharp. Record up to $60.00. Price $24.00.

1861 $2.50, Colorado, Clark, Gruber & Co. Very fine. Record $15.00. Price, $9.25.

1854 $3.00, Dahlonega Mint. Very fine. Rare. Record over $50.00. Price, $21.25.

Foreign Gold. France. 1811, Napoleon, as Emperor, 20 Francs. Fine. $4.25.

France, 20 Francs, Napoleon as First Consul. V. F. $4.75.

France, 1862, Napoleon III., 10 Francs. $2.15.

France, 1862, Napoleon III., 5 Francs. Ex. F. $1.25.

England, George I., 1718, 1/3 Guinea. Ex. F. Scarce. $2.75.

England, George II., 1739, ½ Rose Guinea. About unc. Rare. $5.25.

England, George III., 1818, Half-Sovereign. About unc. $3.15.

England, Victoria, 1864, Pound. Young head. V. F. $5.15.

Russia, 1899, 5 Roubles of last Czar. $2.85.

Newfoundland, $2. Gold. Young head of Victoria. V. F. $2.25.

Germany, 10 Mark of last Kaizer. V. F. $2.85.

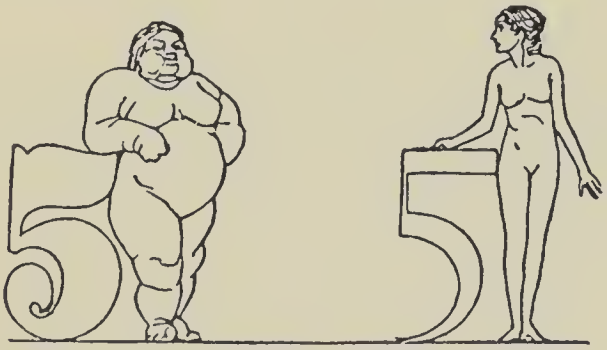
Japan, 5 Yen (size U. S. $5.) All native characters. Ex. F. Scarce. $7.25.

Japan, Yen or Gold Dollar. Ex. F. Scarce. $1.75.

U. S. Currency Flayed

Not long ago William Dwiggins had a $5 bill. He was appalled. After brooding many months, he published a book—"Toward a Reform of the Paper Currency"—embracing all his criticism of U. S. Currency.

Mr. Dwiggins had no fault to find with the U. S. fiscal system. It was only what the money looked like that enraged him. Dwiggins is a name highly honored by printers and publishers. He is one of the outstanding designers of type. He has designed several beautiful type faces and for many years has been retained by famed Mergenthaler Linotype Co. as typographical consultant. Dwiggins minces no word in his opinion of design of U. S. paper currency:



"The practical mind will comment that there is no reason why an Arabic numeral needs be graceful and good-looking. There is no reason why a young female needs to be graceful or good-looking—but we like them that way."

"The paper money is a little better than the average trading stamps. . . . The words are there and the letters are there—evidently graphic signs intended to convey meaning—but they are inscribed in such a fashion and distributed in such a way that every effort of the mind to grasp their significance is frustrated. . . . And this document— . . . stands as the prime symbol of value in the infinite transactions of a great commercial nation. It is worth its face in gold, but, my God! what a face!"

Discussing the nest of acanthus leaves around the fat figure 5 in the corners he writes: "No merest tyro in the draughting-room of a wall-paper plant that catered to the Wisconsin Scandinavian trade would be allowed to combine shapes in this brutal and reckless fashion."

Lest the Treasury Department consider Typographer Dwiggins merely a destructive critic, he went further still. The back of the book is devoted to an explanation of what he would do about it with designs full size, printed in colors, for the currency of the mythical Republic of Antipodes.

—From "Time."

New Variety (?) of Five-Cent Nickel

At the Los Angeles A. N. A. Convention, Mr. Thomas Voetter exhibited a Buffalo Nickel with a rather peculiar die break. Mr. Voetter attributed it as a new die variety, but his description was contradicted by our good friend and ardent collector, Mr. W. A. Philpott, who claimed that the coin, due to its peculiar die break, should not be classed as a die variety but rather as a "watermark." As Mr. Voetter was just leaving for South America, we regret that we were unable to obtain an illustration of this interesting piece.

A Question Easily (?) Answered

The current questionnaire of the Rochester Numismatic Association asks—"Will an uncirculated Washington quarter of 1932 be worth $30.00 in 2032?" **The easiest way to find out is to simply wait and see.**

RARE CENTS ONLY

Average Quality—At Below Average Prices
Some Real Buys Here!

1793 The rare Chain and AMERI. Good obverse with very good reverse. About as rare as ANY cent. $11.

1793 Chain type with AMERICA. Good; light dents on edge. $7.25.

1793 Chain type, both varieties. About fair. Not the finest coins, but look at the price for the PAIR, only $6.25.

1793 Chain, AMERICA. Crosby 3-C. About fine; light brown surface. $24.

1793 Wreath, Crosby 9-H. Good. $8.25.

1793 Wreath, variety as last. Very fair to about good. $4.75.

1793 Wreath, 11-J. Vine and bars on edge. Abt. Good. $8.25.

1793 Wreath, 7-F. Good. $8.

1793 Wreath, Lettered edge. 11-J. Really fine; light edge dents. A desirable specimen of this rare coin. And a bargain at $16.

1794 Hays No. 35. Very good, nearly fine. Scarce. $5.25.

1794 H. No. 51. Extremely fine; nice surface. Choice. $5.50.

1794 H. No. 55. V. G. obverse with good reverse; center weak. Very rare variety. $9.25.

1799 The rarest date cent. Obverse very fair with good date, but reverse badly dented. The obverse is good enough for a $20. coin. Price only $7.

1799 Good obverse, everything plain. Reverse worn smooth. $5.25.

1799 Fair to very fair. (Originally priced at $12.) Here offered at only $9.25.

1799 Strictly good. $19.50.

1799 Over '98. Very good; fine for coin. V. Rare. $42.

1799 Perfect date. Strictly fine. Can be classed as very fine for coin. FAR above the average. Seldom equaled. $150.

1804 Die breaks on both sides. Good; dark surface. $11.

1804 Same as last. Very good; olive surface. Equal to many 1804 cents which have sold up to $20 or more. Price, $14.

1804 Perfect dies. Fair to good. $8.25.

1804 Die break on obverse only. And a peach of a cent, too! Strictly fine to very fine. Have seen specimens no better than this sell for $100. Price, $50.

1804 Very good date, otherwise, punk. But still a rare date, $3.25.

1804 Mint re-strike from rusted dies. Uncirculated, $5.

1804 Restrike as last. Very good. $3.50.

1805 Blunt 1 in date. Very fine. Try and get this date so choice. A bargain at $7.

1805 Perfect date. Nearly fine, "but not quite" —Scarce. $2.25.

1807 Over '06. Large 7. Nearly fine. $2.

1808 Thirteen stars. Very good. $2.25.

1808 13 stars. Practically uncirculated. Medium olive surface. Rare condition. $32.

1810 Over '09. Reddish olive surface; sharp; $45.

1811 Perfect date. Fine to very fine. $9.

1811 As last. Very good. $3.50.

1811 Over '10. Good to very good. $3.25.

1818 Andrews No. 3, stars close to date. V. Fine. Rare. (Record up to $20.) Price, $3.25.

1818 Broken dies. Uncirculated. Getting scarce. $1.50.

1820 Over '19. Small date. Uncirculated, mint red. $4.75.

1801 The curious and rare varieties with IINITED. Fine to very fine. Rare so choice. $12.

Bargain in Collection of

EARLY U. S. SILVER DOLLARS

Complete collection of all dates of our early dollar—1795 (same type as the 1794), 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802 and 1803—All good to extra fine.

(Regular retail price for the set, if purchased separately is $56.55.)

Price for this entire collection, only $44.50
Postage and Insurance Free.

Rare Early U. S. $10.00 Gold

1795 First year of issue. Very fine, light scratch on obverse. $38.50.
1796 Practically uncirculated. $70.00.
1796 As choice as last but just a pin-point hole on edge. $32.00
1797 Large eagle. Obverse, good; reverse, very good. $18.00.
1797 Small eagle reverse Very fine. Very rare. $110.00.
1799 Fine but light dent on edge. $18.00.
1800 Very good. Rare date. $19.50.
1801 Fine. $21.00.
1803 Very good. $18.00.
1895 Brilliant proof. $14.00.
1898 Beautiful brilliant proof. $15.00.
1901 Beautiful proof. $12.25.
1903 Brilliant proof. $12.00.

PIONEER $20.00 GOLD PIECES AT PRICES OF THIRTY YEARS AGO

These coins "came out" during the last couple of years. Naturally they were bought cheap. **And they are offered cheap.** Here is a dandy opportunity for you to make some real buys.

1853 California $20.00. U. S. Assay Office. Eagle as on the $50.00 gold piece. Very good. Record up to near $50.00. Price, $23.50.

1853 Calif. $20.00. Just as last, but very fine. $26.50.

1853 Calif. $20.00. As last, but with 884 THOUS. Ex. F. Very rare. $32.00.

1853 Calif. $20.00. Moffatt & Co. Very good; slight nicks as usual. Rare. Record over $50.00. Price, $26.50.

1853 Calif. $20.00. Moffatt. V. F., $31.00.

1854 and 1855 Calif. $20.00. Kellogg & Co. V. F. Usually sells up to $40. Price $24.50.

1852 Calif. $20.00. Augustus Humbert. V. G. Ex. rare. Record over $200. Price, $72.

1860 Colorado $20.00. View of Pikes Peak. One of rarest Pioneer coins. Record up to $1,000. V. G. $240.

1855 Calif. $20.00. Wass Molitor & Co. Small head. Fine. Excessively rare. Last record $450. Price, $340.

Rare U. S. $20.00, 1867. Perfect sharp brilliant proof. Very rare. Listed up to $75.00. Price, $42.00.

Some mistake this coin for a $20 gold piece. It is almost as large as a $20 but, of course, not quite as thick.

In a collection recently bought, I found six duplicates. Usually retail at $25.00 each. They are all very fine—and I'll part with them at only $17.25 each.

U. S. $10 Gold Dated 1801. Very fine, $17.25

BY-THE-WAY—

I have a little surplus of really choice U. S. $3.00 gold pieces. The kind that have retailed up to $7.50 each. Here is the way I offer them just now—

U. S. $3.00 Gold. V. F., only $5.25

OR—I'll Sell Five—All Different Dates—for only $25.50!

And Here Is a Special Lot of—

United States Silver Half-Dollars, all with lettered edge and all dated before 1839. Mixed lot of twenty at only 55c each. Postage and insurance extra. 1893 Columbian Half Dollars, in lots of fifty, 55c.

Cash with order only for any of the above bargains.

85 Coins of $300,000 Collection Exhibited

(From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)

A selected group of very earnest gentlemen, assembled behind closed and police-guarded doors of a chamber in the Fort Worth National Bank, peered intently through their reading glasses Saturday afternoon at five small glass-topped trays and uttered "ah's" of delectation.

They were examining 85 gold and silver coins forming a part of the famous Waldo Newcomer collection of American pieces, valued at $300,000. A private exhibition of the most interesting and rarest specimens was arranged by B. Max Mehl, Fort Worth numismatist, who recently acquired the entire collection of nearly 4,000 different coins.

The 85 coins exhibited Saturday to a score of collectors, most of whom are members of the Dallas Coin Club, are valued by Mehl at approximately $158,000.

After lying an hour upon a long mahogany table, the treasure was packed into a small case and locked in the subterraneean vaults of the bank. The visitors were entertained at dinner at The Blackstone before they departed.

The Newcomer collection is recognized as the finest and most complete collection of American coins ever assembled. Newcomer is a Baltimore banker. The collections contains, with only one or two exceptions, a specimen of every date and variety of United States coins every issued at every mint of this country from 1792 to 1928—from the half-cent to the $50 gold piece.

The private, pioneer and territorial gold coins are considered the most complete and valuable collection ever formed.

Among the most interesting pieces shown was the famous Brashear doubloon, one of the rarest coins in the world. It is valued at $10,000 and was struck by Ephraim Brashear, New York goldsmith, in 1787. Only six specimens are known.

The 1804 dollar, probably the most famous of all American coins, at least the best known among non-collectors, was shown. It is valued at $2,500.

The only known specimen of an 1849 $5 gold piece

issued by Ormsby & Co. in California was valued at $8,750.

A New England shilling-and-sixpence—one of the first coins struck by the American colonists—is almost unique and cost $1,250. It is a crude, beaten silver with "NE" stamped on one side and "VI" on the other.

Specimens of the famous Willow Tree, Pine Tree and Oak Tree shillings also were displayed.

A 1792 Washington half-dollar was minted of silver melted down from the first President's own plate.

A small oblong piece of bar gold, issued in $16 denomination in California in 1849, was represented among the unique shapes shown in the exhibit. The unusual denomination was due to the value of the Spanish doubloon, then current in California. A set of three 1849 California coins exhibited cost $15,100.

A $5 gold piece issued in 1849 by the Massachusetts and California Company long was in the Collections of the Pioneers in California. It is one of the only two specimens known to exist. The other specimen was sold at auction two years ago for $7,900.

ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Probably no other name in the entire world's history carried the fame, fascination and interest as does that of this great warrior. Whether or not a collector of "ancients"—a coin of Alexander the Great "fits in" in every collection.

I have the Alexander Tetradrachms—a coin slightly larger than our quarter dollar, but much thicker, in fact, about as heavy as our half dollar. It has the portrait of Alexander in Lion's skin. The reverse is with the ancient God Zeus, seated.

Have a liberal quantity of these interesting tetradrachms in very good to fine condition.

Price—Alexander the Great—"Tetradrachm" 6 Only $3.40 Each.

If you want a smaller coin of Alexander the Great, order the "Drachm"—also with portrait, at only $1.40 each.

Remember, satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded.

Interesting Foreign Gold Coins at Almost Copper Prices Real Bargains Here

Persia, 1/5 Toman. Last Shah, with his portrait. V. F. $1.25.

Persia, 1 Toman. Portrait of Shah. Unc. Scarce $4.00.

Persia, 2 Toman. As last. Fine. Rare. $5.25.

Persia, ½ Toman. Old Shah. V. F. Rare. $3.00.

Persia, about 1899, Toman. Old Shah. Unc. Rare, especially so choice. $6.25.

Persia, Toman of last youthful Shah. V. F. Scarce. $4.20.

Philippine Islands under Spain, gold Peso or dollar. $1.50.

Philippine Islands, under Spain. 2 Pesos or $2.00. Fine. $2.50.

Portugal, Sebastian I., 1557-78, Crusado d'Or. Fine. Large cross. Rare. $6.00.

1741-47, John V., Teston. Bust. Reverse, shield. V. G. $2.25.

1781, Maria I. and Peter III., Half Dobra. Beautiful coin. (About U. S. $10.00 size.) $12.25.

Maria I., 1790, 400 Reis. Fine. Rare. Plugged at top. $1.50.

1824, John VI., Half Dobra, for Brazil. (About U. S. $10. size.) Ex. F. Scarce. $16.00.

Maria II., 1851, 1000 Reis. Ex. F. Scarce. $3.25

1855, Peter V., 1000 Reis. Rare. $3.25.

1862, Louis I., 5000 Reis. (Larger than U. S. $5. gold.) Ex. F. $6.50.

Louis I., 1866, 5000 Reis. Struck in silver. Pattern. Proof. Very rare. Originally priced at $12. Price here only $7.25.

Prussia, 1713, Frederick Wilhelm, Half Ducat. Bust. Reverse, dove. V. F. $2.25.

William I., 1723, Broad Ducat. Fine bust. Reverse, shield. Ex. F. $4.00.

1737, Frederick the Great, Ducat. Fine. Rare. $4.25.

1755, Frederick d'Or. (About U. S. $5.00 size.) Fine. $6.00.

1799, William III., Frederick d'Or. Very good. $5.00.

1807, William III., Frederick d'Or. Very fine. Crowned eagle on trophies. $6.25.

1875, Wilhelm I., 10 Mark. Fine. $3.00.

1877, 5 Mark. Ex. F. $2.10.

William I., 1888, Kaizer of Germany and King of Prussia, 20 Marks. (About U. S. $5.) V. F. Scarce. Only ruled about eighty days. $6.50.

1888, William I., 10 Mark as last. Very scarce. $3.25.

Peru, 1919, 1/5 Libra or gold dollar. Indian Princess. Unc. $2.00.

Russia, 1774, Catherine II., 10 Rubles, (bout U. S. $10. size). Fine. Scarce. $11.00.

Russia, 1756, Elizabeth, 2 Roubles. Unc., fine portrait. $3.50.

Elizabeth, 1756, gold Rouble. Ex. F. Rare. $2.75.

1777, Catherine II., gold Half Rouble. V. F. Scarce. $2.10.

1779, Catherine II., gold Rouble. Fine. Scarce. $2.60.

1877, 3 Roubles, new type. Unc. Scarce. $3.25. (Gold value alone is nearly $3.)

1936, 5 Roubles, (size of U. S. $5.) Unc. Rare. $6.25.

1885, 5 Roubles. Large type. Unc. Scarce. $6.25.

Alexander III., 5 Roubles. Large type. V. F. $5.25.

1897, Nicholas II., last Czar, 7½ Roubles. Fine. Scarce. $6.00.

Nicholas II., 5 Roubles, (U. S. $2.50 size). Fine. $2.85.

Salzburg, 1655, ¼ Ducat. Bishop seated. V. F. Scarce. $2.75.

Salzburg, 1684, ½ Ducat. V. F. Scarce. $3.25.

Switzerland, 1726, Zurich, ¼ Ducat. V. F. $2.10.

Sweden, 1634, Gustavus Adolphus, Ducat for Osnabruk. Fine. Rare. $6.00.

Sweden, 1634, Ducat of Gustavus Adolphus. Fine. Rare. $6.25.

Charles XV., 1865, Ducat. Proof. $4.20.

Sweden, undated Ducat of Gustav Adolphus. V. F. Rare. $7.00.

Carl XV., 1868, 1 Carolin. V. F. Scarce. $3.25.

Scotland, James I., 1406-37, gold Demy or Lion. V. F. Very rare. Record up to $20.00. Price, $10.50.

John III., 1460-88, gold Half Unicorn. Fine. Rare. $11.00.

James V., 1540, 1/3 Bonnet Piece. Very good. Extremely rare. Record for perfect specimen up to $200.00. Price, $21.00.

James VI., 1599, Half Rider. Fine. Very rare. $17.50.

James VI., 1602, Half Sword and Scepter piece. Fine. Very scarce. $6.25.

James VI., 1602, Sword and Scepter Piece. V. G. $9.25.

1604, Sword and Scepter Piece. V. F., sharp. Scarce. $12.00.

1610, James VI., Unit. (Larger than U. S. $10, but thinner.) V. F. $14.00.

South India, about 1750, Scott Pagoda. Small thick gold coin. Curious and scarce. $2.75.

Sicily, 1813, G. Napoleon, 20 Lire. Fine. Scarce. $6.00.

Sicily, 1813, 40 Lire as last. About fine. $11.50.

South African Republic, 1895, Half Pond. Bust of Kruger. Fine. $3.25.

Kruger, One Pond. Fine. $5.25.

1925, Half Sovereign. Head of George V. Unc. Very rare. Few coined. $6.00.

Servia, 1882, 10 Dinar. Fine. Rare. $4.25.

Saxony, 1903, 10 Mark. V. F. $3.25.

Saxony, 1907, 10 Mark. V. F. $3.25.

Spain, Peter IV. of Aragon, Florin. V. F. Scarce. $4.20.

Ferdinand and Isabella, Ducat. Busts of King and Queen facing each other. V. F. Rare. $8.00.

Ferdinand, 1504-16, Ducat. Crowned bust of King. Fine. Scarce. $4.25.

1755-57, Ferdinand VII., gold dollars. About fine. $1.35.

1787-88, gold dollars of Charles III. Fine. $1.35.

Charles III., 2 Escudos, 1788. About fine. $3.65.

Ferdin. VII., 1817, gold dollar. Fine. $1.40.

Isabella II., 1841, 80 Reals. About unc. $4.75.

Isabella II., 1861, 20 Reals. Fine. Rare. $3.00.

Alphonso XIII., 1889, 20 Pesetas. Baby head. Unc. $4.25.

Venice, 1725, Ducat. Doge kneeling. Reverse, Christ. V. F. $4.25.

Transylvania, 1629, Ducat of Gabriel Bethlen. Bust. Rev., Madonna. Unc. $4.25.

Travancore, India, gold Fanam. Small curious gold coin. $1.25.

Transvaal, 1894, Pond. V. F. $5.50.

Tabora, German East Africa, 1916, 15 Rupees. Issued by Germans. Elephant. Only gold war issue. Sold up to $75.00 when first issued. Unc. $9.50.

Turkey, 1293, Mohammedan date, Half Pound. Broad coin. Semi-proof. $3.50.

1223, 20 Piastres, ($2.50 size but thinner.) Unc. $2.25.

Turkey, U. S. gold dollar size. Fine. $1.25.

Turkey, Half Dollar size, gold. $1.00.

Tibet, ¼, ½ and 1 Rupee, Octagon gold coins. Fine, Scarce. Set of three only $9.50.

Trier (Germany), 1388-1418, Ducat. Figure standing. Rev., shield. Fine. Scarce. $4.35.

Westphalia, 1813, 5 Francs. Bust of H. Napoleon. V. F. Scarce. $3.10.

Zurich, 1729-36, ¼ Ducat. Scarce. $2.25.

Wurtemburg, 1875, 10 Marks. Fine. $2.75.

Venice, about 1500, Broad Ducat. Lion of St. Mark in shield. V. F. $4.50.

Venice, 1722, gold Pattern of the silver piece of this year. (Nearly size of U. S. $10 but thinner.) Figure of Justice. Rev., Lion of St. Mark. V. F. Very rare. $20.00.

Cuba, 1915, Peso or Dollar. Yellow gold. Beautiful brill. proof. $2.85.

Sweden, Charles XV., 1869, 10 Franc. About unc. Scarce. $3.75.

Papal, 1867, Pius IX., 20 Lire. Portrait of Pope. V. F. Scarce. $5.50.

Hungary, 1760, Ducat of Maria Theresa. Madonna and Child on clouds. Ex. F. $3.25.

Belgium, 1733, Ducat. Warrior standing. V. F. $3.15.

Mexico 1906, 5 Pesos. Unc. $2.85.

Peru, 1907, Gold Dollar. Indian Princess. Unc. $1.75.

Costa Rica, 1900, gold dollar. Unc. $1.65.

Cash orders always given preference. Remember, satisfaction to you—or your money back with no argument or question.

Nuremburg, St. George Ducat. Mounted figure slaying dragon. Reverse, ship. Ex. F. Rare, $5.25.

Netherlands, 1827, 5 Gulden. Unc. $3.25.

Norway, Frederick III., 1648-1670, Half Ducat. Fine. Rare. $3.60.

Nepal, about 1800, small gold coin. Native characters. Scarce. $1.40.

Newfoundland, $2.00 gold. Odd denomination. Retails up to $3.75 each. Offered here as special for only $2.40.

Papal Gold, Benedict XIV., Half Ducat or Zecchino, 1740. V. G. Scarce. $3.25.

Papal gold, 1846, Gregory XVI., 2.50 Scudi. Bust of Pope. Unc. Very scarce. $5.25.

Rare $5.00 Gold Pieces

Please Note Some of These Rare Dates—and Their Low Prices

1795 The first $5.00 gold piece, small eagle. Light nicks, otherwise fine. $21.00.

1799 Rare date. Listed up to $50.00, but in only very fair condition. Priced at only $8.25.

1800 Perfect. Very fine. $9.25.

1800 Somewhat battered, but everything plain. $5.50.

1802 over '01. Very fine. $8.50.

1803 over '02. Very fine. $9.25.

1806 Light nick on edge, otherwise very good. $7.50.

1807 New type, bust to left. Very fine. $9.00.

1809 Very fine, but very slightly bent. $7.00.

1810 Extra fine, small hole at top. $6.00.

1811 Fine; holed at top. $5.50.

1813 Solder marks removed from edge. $5.75.

1813 Perfect. Very good condition. $8.00.

1814 Light nicks on edge, otherwise very fine. Very rare. Listed up to $50.00. Price $22.50.

1818 Fine to very fine but skillfully plugged at top. Very rare. $12.00.

1818 Perfect. Very fine. Very rare and a bargain at $27.50.

1820 Square base 2. Very fine. Extremely rare. Listed up to $200.00. Price $85.00.

Two or More Can Play At the Same Game

From time to time "cut-price offers" appear, so I thought I'd try a few myself with the only difference that the coins here offered are really on hand and when you send in your order you will get the coins and not an excuse that "they are all sold." However, the prices quoted below are only good for this issue of the COIN CIRCULAR and orders at these prices will be accepted only up to Jan. 1st.

Please be sure to add about 4c per coin for postage and 15c for registration.

1893 Isabella Quarter Dollar. Uncirculated. $1.10.
1900 Washington-Lafayette Dollar. (Retails up to $4.90). Price $2.65.
1903 Jefferson or McKinley gold dollars. (Retail $6.50). Price only $4.50.
1904-05 Lewis & Clark gold dollars. (Retail $12.00). $8.10.
1915 Panama-Pacific gold dollars. (Retail $5.50). Special, $3.65.
1915 Panama-Pacific $2.50 gold. (Retails $15.00). Only $10.25
1915 Panama-Pacific silver Half Dollar. (Retail up to $15.00). Special offer, $8.25.
1917 McKinley Memorial gold dollar. (Retail $5.50). Special only $3.50.
1925 Vancouver Half-Dollar. (Retail up to $7.50). Price $4.40.
1925 Norse American octagonal. (Retail up to $3.50). Price $2.25.
1928 Captain Cook or Hawaii Half-Dollar. (Regular retail price $10.00). Special $6.25.

Gem Uncirculated, Mint Red

VIRGINIA HALF CENT

Dated 1773 (These have sold up to $2.50 each).

Price, only 75c each

or THREE for only $2.00

These are from a recent "find."

Coins—Conventions—Friends

The acquisition of rarities or long-sought-for specimens, is undoubtedly one of the thrills we get out of collecting. But those of us who got into the pleasant habit of attending Coin Conventions, have been getting another kind of pleasure and thrill that makes not only collecting but life itself real worthwhile.

Since last June, there has been no less than three Coin Conventions. In June, the Tri-State Convention in Jamestown, N. Y. This was supposed to have been a "baby convention," but the gent who sponsored and practically conducted it single-handed—the mainspring who made the wheels hum—that little pack of numismatic energy—T. James Clarke—did such a good job that the exhibition, the banquet, the attendance equalled any coin convention ever held. What a banquet! And an auction sale, too! (Although Doc French wasn't entirely pleased with the gratuitous assistance he received from a certain dealer in the sale of his auction lots. But then what dealer can please everyone, especially a Doctor.)

In August, the parent organization, the American Numismatic Association, held its annual Convention in Los Angeles. It was one of the finest Conventions that it has been my pleasure to attend, and I have been at twenty of them. When we consider that the fellows who ramrodded this Convention had no previous experience with Coin Conventions, it was really remarkable the smooth manner in which it was so successfully conducted. I do not recall of ever seeing so many workers in one Convention. The California Coin Club did itself proud, especially the untiring efforts of Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Kean, Mr. Jorgensen, Mr. Larson, Dr. Pradeau, the Lees, and last but certainly not least, Miss Bacon and Mrs. Kenneth Lee.

While the "foreign" attendance was not large, I am confident that the Convention having been held in Los Angeles will prove of untold benefit to the Association as a whole.

Then as a finale, Dr. Henderson of Columbus, decided he'd like to have a Convention in his town.

And did he pull one? I'll say he did. For three days and nights, yes, nights, during the Convention, and Lord only knows how many days and nights before the Convention—Doc. Henderson was on tap all the time. And he succeeded in pulling a Convention that would have been a credit to a national organization. The exhibitions, numismatically and in personnel, was above par. The entertainment was cafeteria style, helpy-selfy—some helped themselves more than others.

Mrs. Henderson was there too, taking care of the gals. (We are reliably informed that some gals were taken care of by others than the ladies entertainment committee.)

Now, just a moment, here I was to just say a few words about Coins, Conventions and Friends, and rambled on this long. What I started to say is that the friends we make in meeting other fellows with our likes or our hobbies, gives us a joy and satisfaction real worthwhile. The pleasure of collecting coins is not only in acquiring specimens for our collection, but I believe that the greater pleasure is in the acquiring of friends.

"I TOLD YOU SO"—

—That's a mean expression. But I can't resist the temptation to say it here that I told you to buy my reprint of Andrews Book on the Large Cents of 1816 to 1857 which I published, at $1. They are all sold now, and a copy in one of my recent auction sales sold for $3.00.

AND NOW I'M TELLING YOU TO GET

the Book that has done more for Large Cents—and will do more for you—than any other similar publication ever issued. Get the Catalog of the famous Dr. French Collection of Cents. A beautifully gotten-up and printed catalog listing, describing and pricing over **eight hundred all different varieties of the Large Cents**—the finest collection ever offered—valued at over Fifty Thousand Dollars!

You can get this wonderful catalog NOW for just $2. But some day it will sell for ten dollars and more. Better send in your order now. I'll pay the postage, too.

U. S. GOLD DOLLARS!

(I'll not say a word about these being bargains. I'll just let you be your own judge, but don't write me a month or so later asking me if I still have them. These won't be here long at these prices.)

Complete set of all small gold dollars, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854. All fine to extremely fine. The complete set for only $12.40. (Formerly sold up to $24.00.)

Small collection of gold dollars, twelve all different dates, dates of my selection only, so please don't write and ask me what the dates are or for any special dates, I'll send the best assortment I possibly can at only $2.00 per coin!

Mixed lot of gold dollars, small and large type, dates and varieties of my selection only. Twenty-five gold dollars, all fine to extremely fine, the lot at only $1.85 each.

(Please don't ask me to sell a smaller quantity at this price. The quantities mentioned and prices quoted will not be changed for anyone.)

Lot of ten very slightly impaired gold dollars; such as a loop removed, small solder mark or a scratch or two. The lot of ten at only $1.25 each.

If you are a little flushed with cash and can use as many as twenty or more of the slightly impaired gold dollars, they are yours for only $1.15 each. (I now have about 50.)

Who Wants Another

COLLECTION U. S. HALF DIMES AT A BARGAIN

Thirty-eight (38) **all different dates**, 1829 to 1873, including the very scarce 1844. Good to fine.

The Entire Collection, Only $5.35

(This collection if bought separately would cost at least $10.)

WHAT A DOLLAR CAN DO RIGHT NOW AT B. MAX MEHL'S

(Some values here over $2.50. All offered at $1)

25 U. S. 3c pieces, nickel—the lot, $1.00.

15 Half Dimes, $1.00.

7 Old bust types Dimes, all dates before 1837, $1.00.

1 Trade Dollar of 1877 or 1878, $1.00.

1 Practically **uncirculated** U. S. Half-Dollar of 1817 to 1836. Pick your date or dates at $1.00.

1 1893 Isabella Quarter-Dollar. Unc. $1.00.

1 U. S. Gold Dollar. Small hole at top. $1.00.

1 Genuine California Gold Quarter-Dollar. $1.00.

2 Different Foreign silver dollars—one over 100 years old—for $1.00.

3 Different Foreign silver Dollars, $1.00.

U. S. 50c and 25c Fractional Currency notes—the two—$1.00.

U. S. 25c, 10c, 5c and 3c Fractional Currency notes for $1.00.

10 Old Bank bills, $1.00.

$100, $50, $20, $10 and $5 Confederate notes for $1.00.

10 All different Foreign notes—interesting lot $1.00.

50 Mixed foreign Copper and Nickel coins, $1.00.

3 Different Ancient silver coins—size of dime but thicker—attributed. $1.00.

3 Different dates U. S. Quarter-Dollars—all dates before 1838. The three for $1.00.

U. S. Silver Dollar of 1795 to 1803. (I select the date.) Small hole or slight damage. (When good, sells up to $5.00.) Only $1.00.

20 Large Copper Cents. Mixed dates for $1.00.

10 Mixed large Cents—all before 1816. $1.00.

5 All different Half-Cents, $1.00.

22 Two-Cent pieces, $1.00.

8 All different medals—some large. $1.00.

Yes, I am willing that you compare prices.

Cash with orders only on the above. Be a good sport and add a few cents for postage and insurance.

U. S. PATTERN OR TRIAL COINS
—are, in my humble opinion—

The Most Beautiful Specimen of the Coiner's Art
This is a good time—and place—to buy 'em

Pattern Cents

1853 Type of $2.50 Gold, A-W 171. Fine. Pure Nickel. $3.75.

1854 Type of large cent but trifle smaller and without stars. Bronze, A-W 186. $2.10.

1855 Large Flying Eagle Cent. A-W 201. $2.40.

Pattern Two-Cents

1863 (Regular issue not till 1864) GOD OUR TRUST. $2.25.

1864 A-W 452. Ball to shield. $2.10.

1863 Portrait of Washington. Copper-nickel. A-W 409. Proof. $9.

Pattern Dimes

1869 and 1870. Beautiful head of Liberty. Silver. $1.25.

1868 Type and size of large cent. Proof. A-W 670. Rare. $16.00.

Pattern Quarters

1870 Beautiful head of Liberty. Reverse, value in wreath. Silver proof. (Record up to $3.00.) $1.65.

Pattern Half-Dollars

1859 A-W 297. Beautiful proof. $7.00.

1869 A-W 745. Liberty head with diadem. Beautiful design. $3.15.

1862 Type of regular issue but with motto. (Not used till 1866.) Copper-proof. $2.45.

Pattern Dollars

1879 Silver Metric Dollar, parts gold, etc. Beautiful design. Record up to $10.00. $4.25.

1879 Golloid Metric Dollar, "100 CENTS". Beautiful coin. $4.25.

THREE-DOLLAR GOLD PIECES

Pick Out the Dates You Want

Offered here at much less than regular retail prices.

1854 First year of issue. V. F. $5.75.
1854 New Orleans Mint. Fine. $7.00.
1855 Very fine. $5.75.
1856 Ex. F. $6.00.
1856 Proof. Slightly rubbed. $50.00.
1856 S Mint. V. F. $6.50.
1857 V. F. Scarce. $6.25.
1858 About unc. $8.00.
1859 V. F. Scarce. $6.00.
1860 Fine to V. F. Scarce. $6.75.
1862 Fine; loop removed from edge. $5.00.
1863 Fine. Scarce. $7.00.
1865 About unc., mint luster. V. rare. $17.25.
1866 Ex. F. Rare. $7.00.
1867 Ex. F. Rare. $8.25.
1868 About unc. Rare date. $7.25.
1872 Ex. F. with mint luster. Rare date. $7.50.
1872 Brill. proof. Ex. rare. $50.00.
1874 Fine to V. F. $5.50.
1878 V. F. $5.35.
1882 About unc. Rare. $8.00.
1885 Nearly unc. Rare. $8.00.
1886 Semi-proof. $8.00.
1889 Ex. F. $7.50.

THE FIRST U. S. $3 GOLD COIN

was minted in 1854. You can now get a choice specimen—very fine and better for only $5.25.

(I have a few, and as long as they'll last, I'll sell them at $5.25 each, or five for twenty-five dollars. Or five all different dates for $25.50. Cash orders given preference.)

BEAUTIFUL DOLLAR NOTES

$1.00 Series of 1878. Fine portrait of Washington. At left, Columbus sighting land. Value in red oval ornament. Green back. Signatures of Allison and Gilfillin. As new and crisp as the day it was printed. (Regular retail price $3.50)—here offered at only $2.00.

Also—

$1.00 note of 1880. Same design as last but large spiked brown seal. Signature of Bruce and Gilfillin. Beautiful uncirculated note. (Regular retail price $3.50)—here offered at only $2.00.

$1.00 note, 1880. As last but with signatures of Bruce and Wyman. Beautiful uncirculated. Price only $2.00.

Can also supply the last offered notes in all Plate letters, A, B, C and D, consecutive numbers, at the same price of only $2.00 per note or $8.00 for the set of four. (Such sets usually sell at $15.00.)

Two-Dollar Mates to the Above Dollar Notes

$2.00 note, 1878. Portrait of Jefferson, and view of capitol. Crisp, brand new, only $3.50.

$2.00, 1880. Similar to last but large brown seal. Beautiful new note, $3.50.

If you don't buy these beautiful notes now, mark my word, you'll wish you had some day in the near future. They are the "coming" things in numismatics.

U. S. Fractional Currency at Almost Face Value

Have an accumulation of Fractional Currency. Some fair—some poor—and a few that will muster good, and just for good measure will include some very good.

Have assorted the notes into lots of $10.00 face value—good assortment of varieties—and offer the lot for $1.40 above face—or $11.40 for the lot.

You can't go wrong here! (You get $10.00 worth of real spendable cash.)

Will not break the lot—and cash with order only for these.

Eighty Bucks Is a Lotta Money—but not When You Can Get for It a

FIFTY-DOLLAR GOLD PIECE!

This coin can be claimed as good. Equal specimens have sold "in the good old days" up to $150.00. If you've been looking for a cheap slug—here it is. First order gets it.

(Of course, if your taste and bank account runs higher—and you want better slugs, you sure can get 'em from me now—and get them cheap, too. I have all varieties including a brilliant proof Kellogg.)

Beautiful Stella

No, not a girl—but a brilliant proof U. S. $4.00 gold piece of 1879. A beautiful and popular coin with a record of $150.

Price $90.00

Yes, I am willing that you compare prices with any market.

Remember, the coin is a proof—perfect in every respect. Satisfaction, or your money back—pronto—damn quick.

Speaking of

GOLD PROOF SETS

Here is one unearthed during the "Gold Rush" of 1932—in London, England:

Complete U. S. Gold Proof Set of 1873
$20.00, $10.00, $5.00, $3.00, $2.50 and Gold Dollar
All perfect brilliant proof—extremely rare.
Price for the Complete Set Only $235

(A set that would have brought $450 three years ago. I doubt if more than half dozen complete proof sets are known.)

Who Has and Who Will Sell

Rare U. S. Currency? I'll buy single rarities—rare duplicates or entire collection. And I'll pay spot cash, too.

I bought the Virgil M. Brand Collection of U. S. Currency of Chicago. But will buy more, especially rarities. Write me what you have to offer.

The First Type U. S. Half Dollar

The design of the 1795 Half-Dollar, while probably not the most stately of our designs, is nevertheless, in my humble opinion, a "dashing" type. It has always appealed to me. And from the demand for 'em, apparently appeals to most collectors.

The coin is not rare, but due to its being the first type, and next to the oldest of all U. S. Half-Dollars, it is in much demand. And the price of ordinary specimens has reached up to $10 to $15 each.

In the purchase of numerous collections during recent months, I find I have quite a little surplus of these 1795 Half-Dollars, and being of a natural kindly and liberal disposition, I'll pass them along to

any collector who has perfectly good five dollars that he is willing to exchange for a perfectly good or better 1795 Half-Dollar. In other words, I'll send you

a good or better 1795 Half-Dollar for only $5.00

One for Two

SCARCE BRANCH MINT SILVER DOLLAR

1921 Silver Dollar, the old type, first year of issue since 1904. San Francisco Mint. Bright uncirculated. When times were better and money more plentiful, I got $4 each for them. Just NOW I'll take only $2.00 each.

And Here Are TWO FOR ONE

The Two Rarest Commemorative Half Dollars—at the Price of One!

1915 Panama-Pacific Half-Dollar.
1928 Hawaii or Capt. Cook Half-Dollar.

Both uncirculated and both for practically the price of one. The **pair**—the **two** of 'em, for only $14.00.

(Only sold in pairs at the above price. And this offer only good during this month. Cash orders only.)

"NO QUESTIONS ASKED"

While in the exhibition room of the Columbus Convention, someone asked me for the loan of my magnifying glass. My attention was just then called some other place and I overlooked to get my glass back, and I do not recall to whom the glass was loaned. If the gentleman borrowing the glass remembers who he borrowed it from and will kindly return it to me, he will receive a reward in the form of my warm thanks.

B. M. M.

SMALL CENTS

Seem to Be in Good Demand

If you "demand" any of these, they are yours at the prices named. Only bear in mind that they are all mint state, unless otherwise mentioned, and that I'm willing that you compare prices and quality.

1862, 1863, 1864 copper-nickel and 1864 bronze, mint state, at 25c each.

1879, '80 to 1889 inclusive. Any or all dates, all proofs, at 30c each.

San Francisco Mint. 1908, '09, 1914, 1926, '27 and '28. All unc. at 30c each.

1915 S Mint. Unc. Only 20c.

Denver Mint Cents. 1911, 1914 and 1915, each 30c.

1916 D Mint, 40c.

1927 and 1928. Unc. at 25c.

1922 Fine to very fine. (Regular retail price up to 35c each.) Offer them in lots of ten at only 15c each.

Mixed lot of nickel cents, 1857 to 1864. Very fair to very good, in lots of 100 at only 4½c.

Small cents of 1881 to 1907, all dates, at only 15c each but not less than ten sold.

Cash orders for these, please!

LOTS OF FUN FOR LITTLE MONEY

In an odd place in my vault, I discovered a sack full of foreign nickel and copper coins which I accumulated and put away to assort and price "when I have the time." The time never came around. So here I offer these foreign coppers, unassorted, but some of more than average in quality and scarcity. If you want to have lots of coins for little money, here it is—300 foreign coppers unassorted for just $5.00. Just think—

Three Hundred Foreign Copper Coins for $5.00

(No smaller quantity sold at this price. Cash with order only, express or postage extra.)

NEW ISSUES

Have just two sets of the new beautiful coins of the Republic of San Marino. (See how well educated you are. Do you know where this Republic is?) The set is in silver, consisting of 5, 10 and 20 Lira, (about 25c, 50c and $1 size). Beautiful designs and in mint state.

The first cash order gets them at $2.65 per set.

Encased Postage Stamps

—are now more or less "dead." But this is one corpse that's goin' to come to life. And then you'll be sorry you didn't pay a little bit more attention to it.

And

—another bit of free information and advice is that when you are in a thoughtful mood, give some thought as to what and whither the old large U. S. Currency Bills are going?

Talk about ramifications of varieties, signatures, beautiful designs, etc.—nothing more interesting in any U. S. series. You can't get these notes now as cheaply as you could have a year or so ago, but next year you certainly won't be able to get them as cheap as you can right now. (Catch the hint?)

The 1798 U. S. $10 Gold Piece

One of the rarest of our early gold coins. Has sold for upward of $300.00. Probably not more than twelve or fifteen specimens known. The specimen here illustrated is fine; a tiny nick at top edge. Price $92.

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